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WE POINT WITH PRIDE

To our list of satisfied customers. A satisfied customer is our best advertisement — and we have plenty of advertising.

Something to Remember

If you are not satisfied, we want to make it right.
We're always ready to right anything that's wrong

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Treasurers' Quarterly Report.

Quarterly report of R. D. SMITH, County Treasurer of Wise county, Texas, of receipts and expenditures from Aug. 14, 1912, to Nov. 16, 1912, inclusive:

JURY FUND—1st Class.

Balance last quarter	$2581 00	
To amount received during quarter	256 91	
By amount paid out during quarter,		186 00
Amount to balance		2651 91
	$2837 91	$2837 91
To balance	$2651 91	

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND—2d Class.

Balance last quarter	$12,191 06	
To amount received during quarter	$ 1332 78	
By amount paid out during quarter		8,148 10
Amount to balance		5,375 74
	$ 13,523 84	$13,523 84
Balance	$ 5,375 74	

GENERAL COUNTY FUND—3d Class.

Balance last quarter	$ 1,945 20	
To amount received during quarter	952 77	
By amount paid out during quarter,		$ 4,126 90
Amount to balance	1,128 93	
	$ 4,126 90	$ 4,126 90
To balance, (in the red)		$ 1,945 20

SINKING FUND—4th Class.

Balance last quarter	$ 836 01	
To amount received during quarter	179 24	
Amount to balance		1015 25
	$1,015 25	$ 1,015 25
To balance	$ 1,015 25	

E. M. ALLISON, County Judge.
L. ST. CLAIR, Com. Prec. 1 — B. M. DOWNING, Com. Prec. 2
J. ANN, Com. Prec. 3 — A. J. ALLEN, Com. Prec. 4
Respectfully submitted, R. D. SMITH, County Treasurer of Wise County, Texas.
By J. E. Boyd, Deputy.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of Nov., 1912.
J. P. WILLIAMS, County Clerk

APPLES

At Jim's Apple House

Horses and Mules ... D FINE

A car load of horses and mules for sale. Well bred mares and colts at the iron wagon yard.

W. C. DIXON. ... E. Corner Sq.

MRS. GENTRY WRITES FROM HAVANA, CUBA

Decatur Missionaries Doing Great Work In Island

Havana, Cuba, Nov. 16, 1912.

Dear Messenger:

Your request for me to again write you has come to me through my people at home. I find pleasure in complying with your request. We get the Messenger regularly and appreciate it as a weekly letter from the "home land." We are in good health and enjoying our work in this beautiful isle of the tropics. With the passing of time we grow stronger in the faith that we made no mistake in coming to this field of labor, for "the field is white unto harvest and the laborers are few."

Mr. Gentry is at the head of a christian school founded and fostered by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, U. S. A. The faculty is made up of both English speaking and Spanish teachers. Miss Ruth Ward, daughter of Pastor J. L. Ward of Decatur, is making good in every department of her work. We have preaching and other religious services every week. Mr. Gentry, in addition to his school work, is pastor and preaches weekly to the English speaking people. Brother McCall, an American, who is superintendent of Cuban missions, preaches in Spanish. We are studying the Spanish language and Mr. Gentry will preach in that language as soon as he can without embarrassment.

There are some stubborn difficulties here that hinder the best progress in school work, such as discipline and grading. Under the Cuban laws, teachers are not permitted to administer corporeal punishment to their pupils. The former training of many of the children is such as to spoil them rather than train them to be orderly and respectful; so it is sometimes necessary to send them home. But we are optimistic and really believe there is a bright future for this school, as time will overcome these difficulties.

We are delighted with the country and enjoying the novel and interesting scenes that are constantly presenting themselves to us as it were, in a regular panorama. I have not the language, nor have you the space for me to undertake to describe many things that come to our view in this large and beautiful city that would interest your readers, but will tell you briefly of our recent visit to Morro and Cabannas castles. These castles were built by the Spaniards many years ago in their efiorts to gain control of, and hold Cuba. Both castles together are more than a mile in length, perhaps two miles. As we entered we passed between two tall, thick concrete walls which served as a protection to the soldiers. There are stone steps leading up to the top. The walks and flower beds are made of cannon balls, likewise the beds around the beautiful laurel trees. Other parts of the fortress were made up of dungeons, prisons, etc. We saw two places where the prisoners were blindfolded and led to a trap door, through which they were dropped into the water where they were eaten by the sharks. Many large cannon were in evidence which had been used as protection to the fortress. The watch towers were interesting. Just large enough for one soldier and only a small opening in the stone through which he must keep his vigil. In Morro, next to the water, is a stone corridor very narrow and small opening every few teet through which the soldiers did their shooting. They were well protected from the enemy's fire. The view from the lighthouse was one of the most interesting I ever beheld. To the south is the beautiful city of Havana. Looking down upon the harbor we could see its many ships decorated with the flags of many nations, as it was holiday. Then look again, we could see the high sea for many, many miles around, where its silvery waters appeared to merge into the beautiful blue sky. From the top of Cannabas castle we watched with much interest a boat race rowed by six men each.

Recently, at a time when the wind was rather high we went down to the beach and here again we beheld another grand sight, being accustomed as we were, to viewing only inland scenes. The big white caps would come rolling in from the sea and upon striking the shore would break and dash thirty or forty feet high and fall back into a seething mass of foam and spray.

We congratulate the United States upon her recent splendid victory in the election of Woodrow Wilson to the presidency. Our Cuban government has just emerged from a political battle between the Conservatives and the Liberals that was serious in many respects, resulting in a victory for the former, which party represents the better element of our country. Politics warmed up here to such an extent that even the poor lepers, isolated from the general public and not allowed a vote, in discussing the issues "fell out" and fought furiously.

Wishing you and your readers much success.

MRS. F. A. GENTRY.

Thanksgiving

Now Autumn's golden store is garnered in,
Provision made to cheer when winter's chill
Blights Nature, and her hand no longer feeds
Our hungry mouths.

Now burns the wood fire bright
Upon the happy hearth of home, and brings
Contentment glad and comfort rare to all
The farmer's house.

The time has come again
When he may calmly look upon the toil
And struggles of the year now past and see
How every effort has been truly fraught
With bounteous blessing from their God.

To Him
The thankful heart doth turn and sing His praise
That all may know he gives to God the thanks
For plenty's store.

To Thee, oh Lord, we too
May sing, for Thou hast led us on—hast stayed
Our feeble strength and turned it into power,
And brought us comfort, love and friends; yea more
Than we deserve.

BOONSVILLE

Health of this section of country is good.

A number of young folks attended a social at the home of Miss Lucy Johnson Tuesday night, also a singing at Mr. and Mrs. Shawer's home Friday night.

Prof. Wimberly from Chico, visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Coeniger returned here Saturday.

Aunt Lena Shawn from Balsora, was visiting here last week.

Miss Chloe Sheppard went to Bridgeport Saturday and visited homefolks at Willow Point Saturday and Sunday. She is assistant teacher in our school. She reports work in school is progressing successfully.

Rev. M. A. Pillars of near Alvord, preached here Sunday night.

A Great Building Falls

when its foundation is undermined, and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first signs of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe and only 25 cents at Ford & Thomason's.

Parcels Post Rules

That distinctive parcel post stamps must be used on all fourth-class matter beginning January 1st. 1913, and that such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as "held for postage."

That parcels will be mailable only at postoffice, branch postoffice lettered and local named stations, and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster.

That all parcels must bear the return card of the sender; otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do not sicken or gripe and may be taken with perfect safety by the most delicate woman or the youngest child. The old and feeble will also find them a most suitable remedy for aiding and strengthening their weakened digestion and for regulating the bowels. For sale by all druggists.

BOLD BOYD BURGLARS CAUGHT IN OKLAHOMA

Jack Read and Roy Ford Convicted at Cherokee.

The burglars who entered the business establishments of Fralin & Leary and J. E. Neel at Boyd, have been apprehended and are now doing service for the state of Oklahoma, having been convicted on the charge of burglary committed at Cherokee, a small town in that state. The stolen property of Frailin & Leary was found in the possession of the young men when they were arrested for the Oklahoma crime. Jack Read and Roy Ford are the names of the boys.

The jewelry taken from the Fralin & Leary store was valued at about $550, and the hardware taken from the Neel store was valued at about $50, but this last named property was recovered near Boyd the day following the burglary.

Immediately following the Boyd crime, Sheriff Faith sent throughout the country cards giving description of the stolen goods, and when Ford and Read were caught in the store-breaking at Cherokee on Nov. 10th, the jewelry belonging to the Boyd firm was found. The officers at Cherokee communicated with Sheriff Faith, and he in turn notified the Boyd merchants. Mr. Fralin left Boyd Tuesday night for the Oklahoma town to identify and bring back the goods.

LIBERTY

Mrs. Meek has returned from Arlington after spending a few days with her mother. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs Luttrell.

Mrs. Maud Ashlock of Boyd, spent last week with her parents, B. F. Richardson and wife.

J. A. Lawson is visiting his danghter, at Alvord.

Miss Laura Lee Richardson is visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Jessie and Mittie Meek attended the wedding of Miss Gladys McCracken evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Stony, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Dements.

Wheat and oats are needing rain; most of the farmers are about through gathering their crops.

Jim Gage and George Gentry have sold their farms.

A few neighbors met at the home of Mr. Dement Saturday night and enjoyed some fine banjo music

Only a Fire Hero

but the crowd cheered, as with burned hands, he held up a small round box, "Fellows!" he shouted, "this Bucklen's Arnica Salve I hold, has everything beat for burrs." Right! also for boils, ulcers, sores, pimples, eczema, cuts, sprains, bruises. Surest pile cure. It subnues inflammation, kills pain. Only 25 cents at Ford & Thomason's.

JAMES C. RUCKER DIES SUDDENLY

Was Veteran of Mexican and Civil Wars.

Decatur citizens were sadly shocked last Tuesday morning when it became known that Uncle Jim Rucker had died suddenly in the lobby of the postoffice. He had come to town in the best of health and at about nine o'clock was taking his mail from his box in the postoffice when he suddenly uttered a groan and fell to the floor. Friends rushed to the aid of the stricken man, but nothing could be done to prolong his life, and he expired in a few minutes without saying a word. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of his death. The remains were taken to the family residence by a number of friends. Mrs. Rucker was prostrate with grief when told of the death of her devoted husband, with whom she had lived for fifty-two years. Mr. Rucker had told his wife that he felt better than usual that morning, and had been absent from her only a half hour when she received the news of his death.

James C. Rucker was born in McMinn county, Tennessee, Aug. 30, 1830. In 1847 he volunteed and served in the Mexican war, locating in Texas in 1850. He came to Wise county in 1855, and helped to bring this secton from a wild frontier to its present high state of civilization. Mr. Rucker served in the Confederate army, then was transferred to the frontier patrol guard. He was twice married, first to Virginia McDonald of Tennessee, who died in the early days. Later he married Christian Slater of Wise county, who survives him.

Uncle Jim was a man of strong convictions, and a staunch defender of the right as he understood it. He was just and honorable in his dealings, and true as steel to his friends. He has served his country well, and the memory of his life among us will linger long in the minds of his hosts of friends.

CUPID'S CAPERS

Stevenson--McCracken

Mr. Jesse Stevenson and Miss Gladdys McCracken were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCracken, north of town last Sunday night, Esq. T. H. Greer officiating. The home was beautifully decorated for the affair, and many guests were present. Mr. Stevenson is a prosperous young farmer, while his bride is a splendid young lady of many accomplishments. Both are young people. Messenger wishes them much happiness.

Heathington—Terry.

Mr. Roy C. Heathington, the popular senior member of the San Ia Roy cafe, gave his friends a genuine surprise on Thursday of last week by returning from Hollis, Okla., with a bride, who, before the marriage on Wednesday, was Miss Myrtle Terry, one of the most popular and charming young ladies in that splendid little city. It was persistantly humored among Roy's imtimate friends and associates for the past several weeks that the little god, Daniel Cupid, had laid him low, and along about Yuletude he would join the ranks of the married, but when he returned last week with his bride, most all his friends were surprised. Roy is a good fellow, has numerous friends and here's wishing the biggest, best and brightest in life will come to the happy couple throughout their lives.

Moore—Wolfe.

Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist church, in the presence of quite a number of the bride's friends, Mr. Charles Streeter Moore of Dallas, and Miss Sadie Wolfe of this city, were married, Rev. A. R. Nash, pastor of the church, performing the ceremony that welded the lives of these young people. Immediately following the ceremony the happy couple boarded the train for Dallas their future home. The bride in this happy event is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wolfe, long-time and honored citizens of Decatur; she is a charming girl in looks and manners, and a member of the church in which she was married. Mr. Moore, the groom, has for some years lived in Dallas, where is now employed. Messenger extends congratulations.

A FRIEND IN NEED

Just a Bit of Life as It Cropped Out on a Railway Train.

A TOUCH OF REAL HUMANITY.

The Rough Looking Man Who Proved That His Heart Was Big and In the Right Place and the Shabby but Grateful Foreigner He Befriended.

"Whenever I hear anything nowadays about 'man's inhumanity to man,'" said a Providence citizen the other day, "I am reminded of a little incident. I was coming back from Boston with a friend on the midnight train, and, getting on board at the Back Bay station, we found a seat near the rear end of the car.

"Soon after the train pulled out I happened to look around and saw the conductor apparently expostulating with a rather shabby looking specimen of humanity who was sitting in the last seat. At first I thought the man was drunk, but as I watched I saw that he was a foreigner who couldn't understand English. He was holding out a crumpled one dollar bill to the conductor and saying 'New York' over and over again.

"Finally the conductor shook his head, said something I couldn't catch and went on. The foreigner, a rather decent looking young fellow, gazed at him despairingly, then buried his face in his hands and began to cry. With the usual callous indifference of the traveling public to the troubles of any one else, I paid no more attention to the man and prepared to take a nap.

"I was just beginning to doze when I became aware that a man was standing beside me in the aisle, speaking to me. I sat up and looked at him. He was a rough appearing man, far from prepossessing, clean shaven, with a sort of bulldog face.

"'Say, gents,' he began, 'I want to know if you wouldn't like to help a feller out.'

"I stiffened instinctively, determined to refuse to let him make a 'touch.'

"'There's a poor young foreigner back there,' he went on with a jerk of his thumb toward the alien, still sitting with bowed head, 'and he's up against it for fair. He can't speak a word of English, and he wants to go to New York, where he has friends.'

"'He got the idea somehow he could do it for a dollar, all he's got; but, of course, he can't, and they're going to put him off the train when we get to Providence. It's mighty hard on a feller like him, and there ain't any telling what'll happen to him getting put off in a strange city at 1 o'clock in the morning. I thought maybe you'd be willing to give a little to help him along.'

"He stopped, looked us straight in the eye and smiled sheepishly as if he were ashamed of what he was doing. We gave him a dollar, and he went on through the car, and there were few of the passengers who didn't respond to the appeal. He came back counting the money, and as he got to our seat I heard him say:

"'There's a dollar more needed—I'll make it up myself,' and he pulled out a couple of fifty cent pieces and added them to the amount.

"The conductor and the brakeman were standing at the door of the car near the foreigner's seat.

"'Here,' said the man who had collected the money to the alien; 'give me your dollar.'

"Dumbly, but trustingly, the young fellow handed it over, and, giving it to the conductor with the rest, the bulldog man said gruffly:

"'There's his fare.'

"It slowly dawned on the alien what had been done for him, and as the conductor punched the rebate check and handed it to him the gratitude in his face was indescribable. He couldn't speak, but he took his cap off and bowed again and again to the official, but the latter pointed to the passenger who was sitting in his seat across the aisle and told the youth that he was the one to thank.

"The foreigner crossed the aisle till he stood squarely in front of his benefactor, took off his cap and, with tears of gratitude in his eyes, bowed again and again. It was evident enough that the benefactor was embarrassed by this unexpected outburst. At first he waved his hand around the car to indicate that everybody had had a hand in it. But he couldn't make the foreigner understand. The latter kept on bowing, whereupon the uncomfortable individual in the seat grunted and turned to look out of the window.

"I have never seen," concluded the man who was telling the story, "a kindlier—if I were a girl I should say a sweeter—act of charity in my life. Sitting across the aisle, this hard faced man had heard the story of the foreigner, helpless, alone and frightened, and out of pure goodness of heart, without any necessity for doing it, he had taken upon himself the ungrateful task of soliciting money from the rest of the people in that car to help out a man he'd never seen before and would probably never see again."—Providence Journal.

The New Star.

"How did you become an actor? I suppose you studied Shakespeare and other masters for many weary hours."

"Not exactly," responded the prominent star. "I became an actor by making a three base hit in a pinch."—Pittsburgh Post.

The best part of beauty is that which no picture can express.—Bacon.

DESTROYING THE COTTON MARKET BY LAW

Dangerous Bills Offered by Those Who Themselves Are Groping in the Dark, and Which, if Passed, Will Recoil with Disastrous Results on the Cotton Planter.

Wills Point, Tex., Nov. 16.—Hon. N. T. Blackwell of Dallas, editor of the Cotton and Cotton Oil News, Dallas, spoke here this afternoon to a large crowd of farmers, business men and the public generally on cotton, in its various ramifications from the ginner to the spinner. He discussed the functions of the legitimate cotton exchanges, showed clearly that the country is at sea regarding same, having confused the bucketshops with the legitimate exchanges and the planter is clamoring for something he really does not understand and which he would want to get rid of at once when he gets it. He also explained and commended the plan of the Southern States Cotton Corporation for holding cotton for better prices. Mr. Blackwell said in part:

"It is amazing when we contemplate a large majority of our farmers, many bankers and merchants and some cotton buyers who expect to profit by buying blindfolded cotton, actually engaged in an effort to limit competition in the traffic in cotton, the chief agricultural product of the South, by the passage of laws that will stop competitive buying to a large extent, reduce the bidding for cotton to a few men who, backed by large capital, will be enabled to finance their cotton, where very few are able to do so now without the hedge, as at present furnished by the American cotton exchanges.

It is a fact that cotton and grain are the only commodities in the world that finance themselves nearly or quite up to their full value. This is made possible by the advanced method of doing business rapidly and safely by telegraph and cable, and the absolute safety as collateral of both grain and cotton when handled through banks and by cotton buyers of known solvency and further protected by the hedge. The moment a bale of cotton hits the ground in a cotton buyer's yard at Wills Point, or any other place anywhere at any time in the South, it draws money from Europe. The local bank, it is true, pays the money for it to the planter on the cotton buyer's check. This money is at once replaced with the bank by a draft on Dallas or the next nearest money center, and the bank at the money center in turn gets its money from its New York correspondent on a bill of lading on the spinner in Europe, the cotton being hedged through some reputable firm of brokers on the New York or New Orleans cotton exchanges.

Thus the absolute necessity of the present system of cotton futures to be used as a hedge until some better system is evolved. If we permit such bills as the Beall bill, which has passed the house and is now pending in the senate, or the Smith bill, to become law it will stop the hedge prerogative. These bills are both similar in that they deny the constitutional right to transfer a contract, and both would destroy the hedge by making future trading illegal. No man could then buy or sell cotton on contract, and I submit that the proposition is without a parallel in commerce. Just think of cotton farmers forbidding men to trade in their commodity except with the handicap that they must actually own, build or rent warehouses and store the cotton before they can buy it on contract? Suppose you were to pass a law forbidding men to acquire real estate unless they paid every dollar of the purchase money and moved on it and lived on it? How many pieces of real estate would pass title except for actual homesteads? It does not take much of a financier to see that such a law would at once depreciate every piece of real estate in the country.

Whenever any commodity is not sufficiently attractive on its merits to induce buying and selling the same is a dead commodity. Whenever there is not active trading in any commodity there is little chance of good prices. Yet we behold the astonishing spectacle of men, eager and anxious, responding as they do to a spurious sentiment begotten of ignorance and demagogy, to pass a law that will all but outlaw cotton. In order to make myself plain I will illustrate the operation and effect of such a law.

At the present time there is ready sale for every bale of cotton of any spinnable grade at every cross roads in the entire South? Why? Because the cotton buyers buy all offered at the market price for the reason they can hedge every bale unsold every night and thus protect themselves. Let such laws pass and you will see only one cotton buyer to where you have ten now, and that buyer will only buy your cotton when he has a specific order from the spinner, for the reason that he cannot protect himself by the hedge, and will therefore be out of the market except as stated, on positive orders. Thus, at this time when ten bales of cotton are offered where one is being spun, there would be only one bale bought in ten of the cotton offered, and the result would be that the other nine bales would have to be stored, hauled back home or—as would most likely be the case, forced on the narrow market and at a sacrifice of course. The result cannot be doubtful. The margin to carry any cotton beyond that actually required by the spinner would be so great that it would amount to not less than $10 per bale, and the farmer of course would have to pay it.

I realize that my argument will be met with this contention: Why not hold your cotton on the farms till the spinner needs it and then he will pay the price? This is the only way to get what cotton is worth, but how can our people do this when 90 per cent of the cotton of the country is pledged for supplies before it is even planted?

Let me say here, and I hope it will not be forgotten, that whenever the South gets in position to hold even half its cotton off the market till Jan. 1 our farmers will be able to get the full value of cotton.

I do not blame the lawmakers at Washington for following your instructions, but I do blame them for not posting themselves and telling you the danger that lurks in these bills. It is a notorious fact that the strongest lobbyist for the old Scott bill was one Lewis Parker, a North Carolina spinner, president of eight cotton mills, who said he wanted to see the Scott bill passed because speculation had put cotton two cents per pound too high; yet the great majority of you farmers have been made to believe that the chief function of the American cotton exchanges has been to depress the price of cotton and get it away from the farmer as cheap as possible. Isn't it so? (Voices, "Yes, that's what we have been taught.") If the cotton exchanges put prices down, as claimed by the advocates of the Beall bill, is it not strange that the government is to-day prosecuting a few New York speculators and attacking the New York exchanges for putting cotton prices up? Thus we see the cotton exchanges attacked by the cotton growers for putting prices down and by the attorney general of the United States for putting prices up. As a matter of fact the American cotton exchanges have never traded in a bale of cotton and never act except as a board to fix grades, differences and arbitrate disputes, and to see that deliveries are made on all contracts. Another erroneous impression is that about ten times as much cotton is sold as is raised. This is true in every commodity, but more so of cotton and grain, because those commodities enjoy the privilege and advantage of the most advanced systems of trading. Certainly a cotton contract is sold and bought many times—sometimes for speculation and sometimes for a hedge, but every contract ever written on the New Orleans and New York cotton exchanges is finally liquidated by the production of the actual cotton. You, like others, have had the irresponsible and gambling bucket shop mixed up with the legitimate exchange. A million bales may be bought or sold on the bucket shop but as their transactions are never recorded on the exchange they never affect the price, and like all other gambling houses they have been swept out of existence. There is a wide distinction between gambling and legitimate speculation. Suppose one of your merchants here buys a car load of flour from a Missouri mill to be delivered next August. The wheat is not yet planted. The miller upon receipt of the order immediately buys that amount of wheat futures on his nearest grain exchange to underwrite his deal. Wheat may go up or it may go down, but the miller is protected. Now what kind of a law would you call it that would prevent the miller from protecting himself, or further, what kind of a law would you call it that would prevent the merchant from selling his order for the carload of flour, either at a profit or a loss? Either would be legitimate and is done every day. Cotton transactions are just the same. Future dealing is only a quick and convenient method of expressing values on paper, and these paper contracts call for the cotton just the same as a solvent man's check calls for money at the bank.

Would you discontinue the use of checks for the reason that checks are paper and not money? Think of the hardship the country would suffer by such an obsolete method.

Some men say we never had the exchanges after the war. It is true, and we never had such a vast commerce then as now. We traveled by ox wagon then, by rail now. Who, then, would return to the ox wagon?

My observation is that nobody is calling for this legislation except the man who does not know what he is talking about, though I grant that a great many well-meaning, though mis-informed, men have the bucket shop confused with the legitimate exchange, and think the sole object of all cotton traffic is to depress the price of cotton. These really believe that the passage of such laws would bring relief.

The passage of such laws would limit the cotton traffic to a few men of great wealth, and a cotton trust would at once be formed to exploit the cotton farmer. Just take notice that no trusts have ever been formed in cotton and grain as in oil, steel, tobacco, sugar, leather, etc.

If these laws are passed you will see cotton at once fall to the level of these commodities, and it will no longer be the money item that it is now. It will then require ten times the banking capital to move it as is now required.

Pass such laws and they will make Liverpool the dominating market of the world, and we will then have to sell our cotton at prices fixed by Liverpool and will also have to carry it till they get ready to spin it. With the hedge prerogative abolished, we will have no means of making a market.

Is it not amazing that the friends of cotton propose to kill the American bull when they cannot reach the European bear, and rob the South at the same time of the quickest method of turning its fleecy staple into golden coin? I undertake to say that we shall have very much less resistance to a panic, because the principal avenue by which to draw gold from Europe will be blocked.

I want to see our lawmakers and cross roads demagogues and politicians rebuked till they will let the cotton business alone and undertake some reforms of the tariff and public expenses that will really avail the country something and quit tinkering with what they know nothing about in an effort to fulfill their promises that they and other demagogues have harrangued the people into exacting, and which are not what cotton planters and the friends of cotton want.

Merely as a test of their sincerity, why have not some of them insisted on the government forcing New York and New Orleans alike to adopt the grades of cotton prescribed by the government? Or is it because such men as Lewis Parker and other spinners and enemies of high-priced cotton would be satisfied with nothing short of a complete destruction of the American cotton markets, which the aforesaid bills would virtually accomplish?

Now, gentlemen, in all candor, have I not presented this matter to you in a way you have never heard before? (Voices, "Yes, you have told us things we did not know.")

Now let us get together and reason this matter out. The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges were established and are largely controlled today by Southern men, many of whom are large cotton planters, and I have never in my life seen so many members of the New York cotton exchange bullish on cotton. Are we ready to destroy the finest creation of the ablest minds after a century of work without offering or creating any substitute? Why have not some of our statesmen seen the wisdom of reforms like the adoption of government standards of grading as I have already suggested? If you see this speech printed, and it will be printed, cut it out and send it to your congressman with the request that he reform, and not tear down, the present method of cotton traffic, till something better is offered. We are compelled to have the cotton exchanges, because they have the future trading features that are necessary as a hedge to make the actual spot market. Therefore, I urge you to make an emphatic protest at once to your United States Senators to use their influence to defeat this dangerous legislation.

I promised you I would tell you something about the Southern States Cotton Corporation, and its method of holding cotton off the market at a distressed time like this. This organization is merely a large holding company entirely dependent upon the co-operation of the people for its success. Its plan is to hold off the market, the temporary surplus of cotton out of each crop during the period from September 1 to January 1, when our people, by virtue of their condition, have to sell nearly all their cotton to pay for supplies for which the cotton was pledged. Seventy-five per cent of the market price is paid for the cotton on delivery this season on account of being late in getting organized and started, and the difference between that and 11 cents per pound is paid in ninety-day interest-bearing negotiable scrip, and the difference between 11c and 15c is paid in scrip, also bearing interest and redeemable when the cotton reaches 15c per pound. Thus the farmer gets nearly all his money and the difference in negotiable scrip when he sells the cotton and he can use both his money and his scrip. The plan in full, when thoroughly organized, is to pay 11c cash and 4c in scrip. To do this the stock must be sold to give it a margin to begin with. For fifty years the farmers of the South have been trying to control the cotton market before they could control the cotton. This is the only correct way I have seen, and as I said before, it will require the unanimous co-operation in practice and moral support of the Southern people for it to become a success. All cotton needs is some system whereby a twelve-month supply of cotton can be sold in twelve months instead of four to five months, as at present.

I do not believe the world holds a parallel to the Southern farmer. For forty years, with the exception of about three or four, he has produced cotton and sold it for less than the cost of production. He still lives, and many of them think the bucket shop is the cause of all his ill fortune. He has merely been raising cotton as a losing accommodation for the spinners and cussing out the bucket shops and the cotton gamblers for doing what he would do too if he had the chance. He will have that chance if he will help the Southern States Cotton Corporation tie up a million or two bales of cotton every year. The plan of this organization is one which can be participated in by all—the cotton buyer, the cotton speculator, the banker, the merchant, the lawyer, the cotton planter—all.

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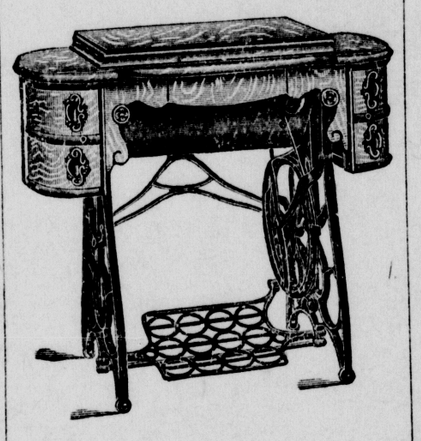

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or width. Heretofore flagmakers have been allowed to use their own taste and judgment in the proportions, but the new regulations fix the following scale: Hoist (width), 1; fly (length), 1-9; hoist of union (or blue field), 7-13; fly of union, .76; width of each stripe, 1-13. New York Times.

The Roumanian's Tobacco.

Roumania, the dark horse of the Balkans, may be said to have been wafted into good government on a cloud of tobacco smoke, for it was the tobacco monopoly established by the degenerate ruler Couza that brought about his compulsory abdication. Every Roumanian smokes, and Couza came up against a national habit, with the usual result. It was in 1866 that the present ruler, Prince Charles of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, was invited, in the teeth of the concert of Europe and the sultan, to become Couza's successor, and nothing finer ever happened to Roumania, except its queen, Carmen Sylva. But the good fortune of Roumania is also due to Bismarck, who counseled the young prince to accept the proffered throne, remarking, "If you fail you will at any rate have a pleasant reminiscence for the rest of your life."

A Surprised Bridegroom.

The story of a bridegroom finding the wrong bride at his side for the wedding ceremony was told in Bombay high court, writes a Calcutta correspondent. A member of the religious sect known as the Jains being forbidden by Jain custom to seek out a bride for himself commissioned another man to find one. After a selected bride had been "viewed" by the Jain at a railway station he agreed to pay the prospective bride's father £200 and £6 to an intermediary, and part of the money was paid in advance. At the ceremony the "bride" wore a heavy veil, and when the Jain asked her to remove it he found that some one had been trying to pass off a substitute for his bride. These adventures are not uncommon in India. Sometimes a very ugly girl is passed off on a bridegroom.—London Mail.

Wireless and Aurora.

The aurora borealis, or northern lights, apparently affects the [illegible] telegraph waves that pass [illegible] Hammerfest, Norway, a[illegible]

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docket. The coin, says the court, was issued by authority of law to circulate as money, was merely worn, bruised and cracked in the process of circulation and therefore legal tender and an action for damages could be maintained on its refusal. Of course, until this has thoroughly permeated the street car systems, to conserve the conductor it will be necessary for [illegible] passenger carrying a smooth nickel to have with him the decision of the supreme court of Ohio and also a [illegible] club.—New York Telegram.

Star Photographs.

At Cambridge, Mass., there now exists the most extensive and valuable collection of stellar photographs in the world, numbering over 240,000. Of 100,000 or more of them have been secured at Harvard university observatory at Arequipa, Peru, at an elevation of 8,000 feet. The number of stars revealed on the different plates depends, of course, on the density of the part of the sky being photographed and on the length of the exposure, the longer the exposure the more stars, provided the light of the sky does not fog the plate. On one plate alone—namely, the region about Eta Carinae—240,000 stars have been actually counted.

A Century Old Ship.

One of the most interesting ships afloat is the Eagle, which lies in one of the docks in the river Mersey, England. For more than fifty years the Eagle has served as a training ship. She was launched in 1804 and took part in several important engagements in the early part of the last century, when the Napoleonic power was at its height.

Extract From a Recent Testimonial.

"Some time ago I was so weak I could hardly raise a cup to my lips. Since taking two small bottles of your tonic I have received six months' shoplifting."—Punch.

By Turns.

He—I heard, Miss Pert, you were looking for a husband, and here I am turned up. She—Have you? Well, now you're turned down.—Baltimore American.

20 DAYS MORE!

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LILLARD'S MISSISSIPPI STORE

To the Teachers of Wise County

I wish to ask your aid in securing names of boy and girls who desire to [illegible] corn and cotton clubs for [illegible] another year. We need and ought to have a large membership in these clubs and with your assistance I feel sure we can secure it. Boys between the ages of 10 and 18 can join the corn clubs and between 12 and 20 the cotton clubs, and boys between the ages of 12 and 18 can be members of both clubs. The area to cultivate in corn is one acre and in cotton two acres.

A number of boys have done well the present year. One boy on upland grew 43 bushels of corn on his acre; one on bottom land grew 57 bushels and 11 pounds; another 57 bushels and 12 pounds and another 72 bushels. Our Wise county corn club boy won first prize, $15.00, on white corn at the Dallas fair and another won the same on mixed corn. Our cotton club boy grew over a bale of cotton on one acre of his plot. What these boys have done other boys can do. I feel sure the teachers would like to see Wise county in the front rank in this very commendable work. The times demand improved agricultural conditions. The eyes, not only of the nation but of the civilized world, are turned toward the boy behind the plow. Let us lift him up and qualify him to meet the demands of the present and the future that all down the line may go the comforting assurance that the plow is in competent hands. I trust each teacher will present this matter to the boys and send me the name, age and address of each boy who will become a member and also state which club, whether corn or cotton, or both, he wishes to be in. Names must be in not later than Feb. 1, and the earlier the better.

D. B. GILLILAND,
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Horses and Mules

A car load of horses and mules for sale. Well bred mares and colts at the Iron wagon yard.

W. C. DIXON.

One of the Stipulations.

A vegetarian engaged a German cook lady not long ago. His wife liked the appearance of the applicant. Her references were good and the wages she demanded not exorbitant.

"I'd like to have you come," said the lady of the house, "but perhaps you won't want to live with us. We are vegetarians and never have any meat in the house. Would you be satisfied with a vegetable diet?"

The fraulein scratched her head.

"Vell," she said dubiously, "iss beer a wegetable?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Word Blindness.

Verbal antipathies are common. Most of us hate the feel, so to speak, of certain words—"victuals," for instance. Is verbal astigmatism prevalent, too, we wonder? We never know the difference between "subjective" and "objective," and we have a high respect for writers who use those words intelligently. "Ingenuous" and "disingenuous" always puzzle us too.—Franklin P. Adams in Metropolitan.

Sharp Tongued Bernhardt.

Sarah Bernhardt is quoted as having paid her respects to Isabella of Bavaria, consort of Charles VI. of France, in this wise: "It is to her that we owe the invention of the corset, but it was she, too, who sold the half of France to England. There was no crime of which that woman was not capable."

Told Her Why.

"I'd like to know why you hired a young woman for a typewriter?" demanded Mrs. Hilow of her husband.

"So I could have some one to dictate to," replied the unhappy man.—New York Sun.

The Way He Put It.

He—I have a compliment for you, dear. She—What is it? He—Mrs. Jones says you have the handsomest husband in town.—Life.

Go on and make errors and fall and get up again. Only go on!—Brackett.

Shave a five cent cake of beeswax fine and add one quart of gasoline. Let stand overnight, and it will be ready for use. This is best and cheapest wax ever used.

The Difficulty.

"It does seem as if you and I ought to get along together without quarreling all the time," sighed Mrs. Jawback.

"It does," growled Mr. Jawback, "but it seems we can't. We're fighting like cats and dogs from morning to night."

"Cats and dogs? Look at that cat and that dog of ours—they never fight. They live under the same roof peaceably."

"Yes, they do. But tie 'em together so they can't get loose and see how they'll act."—New York Sun.

Flagged Train With Shirt

Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made feel like a new man." A trial bottle will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50c at Ford & Thomason's.

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From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan of Barceloneta, writes, "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicsne will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung trouble it has no equal. A trial bottle will convince you of its merit. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Ford & Thomason.

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The state of Texas, to the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

J. R. Gilbert, guardian of the estate of James G. and Joseph W. Taylor, minors, having filed in our counto court his final account of the condition of the estate of said estate of James G. and Joseph W. Taylor, minors, numbered 1242 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said guardianship.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the January term 1913, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the county court house of said county, in the city of Decatur on the 6th day of January 1913, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the city of Decatur, this the 8th day of October, 1912. J. P. Williams, clerk county court, Wise county. Sam Faith, sheriff Wise county.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Sold by Man & Simmons

There is little danger from a cold or from an attack of the grip except when followed by pneumonia, and this never happens when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. This remedy has won its great repuation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of colds and grip and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. For sale by all druggists.

—I will do my best to suit your taste. Valentine.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

A tolerated vice soon becomes an intolerable master.

To cheat another, one first cheats himself into thinking it pays.

Those who are really thankful will show it by making someone else happy.

Bryan would make the best secretary of state Uncle Sam has had in many, many years.

The publication at Bridgeport has changed its name from Index to Times. Under any name the work is trying, eh, Wallace?

Noah Webster denies the learned club girl's allegation that his big book is a dick-sh'-ner. Noah evidently came on the scene too early in life.

The United States government wants to assist Wise county in promoting interest in the tomato growing industry. Don't we need just such assistance?

Too bad that Old Santa can't drop that $18,000 school building and $20,000 Methodist church structure into Delightful Decatur's stocking this coming Christmas.

Keep cool, gentlemen applying for jobs under the Wilson administration. There is oodles of time in which to adjust and readjust your "loyalty" and "originality."

We know "Honest John" will give us a good postmaster, and we'll wager dollars, dimes or door knobs that the appointee is a true blue, 18k supporter of the Vernon dispenser of postoffices in this congressional district.

Our heart goes out to the puny pessimist member of the local Methodist flock. Gee, how it is going to bruise the innermost regions of his heart of hearts when he digs up for the new church building fund. But, dig you stingy tightwad, dig.

Let there be light, said the Messenger and the commissioners' court, and shortly there were eight big electric lights at the courthouse approaches and a monster one adorning the building's cupalo. As Socrates Potter would say, "Concentrate your powers and look out."

When the widow gladly planks down her mite for the fund to rebuilt the local Methodist church, it is dimes to cream puffs that the close-fisted wealthy member of the he persuasion will produce or publicly proclaim the devil is holding high carnival with his conscience

Passing puter pennies on a blind ex-confederate of Lee's army is one of the meanest crimes chronicled in the world's criminal calander; but what about the wealthy church member who tries to clamor aboard the heaven-bound boat on a widow's mite ticket? That fellow is some "class," too.

When our friend, John W. Veal, was on the trail of our friend, John H. Stephens, there were quite a number of Veal shouters in and about these diggins. But, strange to relate since Wilson's election and the report made that congressmen would superintend the pie distribution, the old Veal lineup has been shot to pieces and dyed-in-the-wool Stephens men are too numerous to count. Gentlemen, you haint got nobody fooled, as they would say in west Texas.

We hold, without the slightest fear of being driven from the position by facts or figures contradictory, that the most pompous, self-important person inhabiting this mundane globe in this day and time is the swagger young insurance inspector from the city when he takes his rounds of country towns. He is extremely wise appearing, talks hardly enough to be civil, comes and goes into your place of business, grunts, and proceeds to raise the rate. You take report, sent out from the 'steenth Dallas skyscraper, or go Pittsburg. Recourse? Rats!

What is there about holding office that has such a depressing effect on the energy and get-up and-get of the fellow after he gives up his hold on the teat? What power imbues him with the idea that he has a license on the office-holding job and firmly believes he "ain't fit for any other work" and that the gaunt wolf of want will abide with him 'til the crack of doom if he is kept away from the public crib for any extended time? Some men have killed their energy and buried deep the best part of their lives and ambitions by holding and hankering for office.

United States Senator Isidor Rayner, representative from Maryland, died early Monday morning at his home in Washington, after an illness lasting several weeks. Senator Rayner's death removes one of the democrats over whom the control of the senate depended in the new congress. With his vote the democratic leaders counted on mustering one more than a majority of a total membership of ninety-six. In any event, forty-eight votes with the vote of the vice president in case of a tie, was looked upon as sufficient strength to insure control. Before Rayner entered the senate he had attained a national reputation because of his vigorous conduct of the late Admiral Schley's case before the naval court of inquiry that investigated the action of American officers in the battle with Admiral Cervera's Spanish fleet.

The Messenger is happy on its way toward a subscription goal that will make this popular publication the most widely circulated medium in this entire section of Texas. It is our aim to have five thousand Wise county citizens' names on our subscription books before the year 1913 puts aside its swaddling clothes. The Messenger, here since 1880, has no competition in the local newspaper field, but this fact does not check our energies and efforts to give our patrons a superior local newspaper, and by doing our part, and knowing the country newspaper work from the cases both ways, we have a growing list of satisfied readers. In circulation, amount of local and county news printed, and popularity with the people, the Messenger towers head and shoulders above any other publication in this county. More subscribers in Decatur and vicinity than all other Wise county papers combined, and multiplied by two for good measure. And growing daily.

The pie hunters are dogging the trail of Senator Bailey. Not a bad move on the part of the hungry, for, in the opinion of many, the senator is one of the livest corpse that ever inhabited the political graveyard. True, he took little part in the party's recent conflict and he has not let out any symptoms of a rip roaring hilarious feeling over the results of the election; yet, this man is a big power in the affairs of today, and, in the senate bewildering the Fort Worth Record's staff correspondent with his matchless logic and sublime oratory, or, quietly watching his blooded horses do 2 flat or better in the state of Watterson, whisky and Winchesters, Senator Joseph W. Bailey can be of great assistance to the seekers of federal pie. And, if you have in the stormy past stood to the rack and faced the enemy under the Bailey banner, take it from me, you'll get his help. Bailey has never gone back on a friend.

The $2,000,000 monument to be erected in San Antonio, on Alamo plaza, will be the highest shaft in the world, measuring 802 feet in height. The patriotic citizens of Texas are asked to assist in the erection of this monument. In return for your contribution of 60 cents to the building fund the San Antonio committee, headed by Mr. Emil Lock, will present you with a large print taken from Bromley's famous painting of siege of the Alamo which was sold to the state of Texas in 1884 for $10,000. To this print have been added bust pictures of the immortal heroes, Crockett, Bowie, Travis and Bonham, making it a picture of great historical value. Along with this splendid picture the contributor to the fund gets a ticket admitting the holder to the monument when completed. A beautiful likeness of the imposing shaft is also given to the men, women and children who contribute to this most worthy cause.

Considerable space in some of the big publications of the country is occasionally nowadays devoted to heavy writeups, suggesting plans and proffering arguments to better the conditions surrounding the poor tenant farmer. Much of the writings is good and some of the plans proposed are meritous, but not one of the writers, in the opinion of the Messenger, has struck at one of the most damaging drawbacks with which the tenant contends; one of the most damning evils practiced today in the commercial affairs of the country. Here it is, and if better times and happier conditions are to come to the man who shares the fruits of his labor with a piratical landlord the practice of the latter must stop. Now, let us say a Mr. Brown owns a big farm in the Fertile Valley community. On this farm there are five tenant farmers, all with families. These tenants are poor and not able to purchase the year's supplies upon their own account. They appeal to the landlord—and the sad story opens. Mr. Landlord agrees "reluctantly" to stand good for the supplies. He drives away to the city and the crooked merchant and good business man Mr. Brown enter into an agreement. The merchant allows Landlord Brown ten per cent off his purchases for "standing good" for the tenants and guiding them to the store. Notes are made and, Brown, good as gold, "stands." Fat interest and lean weights, high prices and low quality of goods have their turn long before the tenant, weary and heartsore, plods cityward to relieve the strain. A settlement is made. The tenant is ahead by one year's scant existance; the merchant smiles and presents Brown with a barrel of apples.

DECATUR HAS

A grouch or two who can never see the good in anything or anybody.

A few to whom the corkscrew is mightier than the pen.

Now and then one who believes it is cheaper to owe rent than to move.

Some young ladies who have more point to their shoes than to their conversation.

A few young men sowing wild oats who hope something will happen to destroy the crop.

A few youths who are paddling their own canoe, but their dads furnish the canoe and paddles.

Some youngsters who want to see life, but imagine that none of it is worth seeing by daylight.

A few boys to whom it never occurs that some day they will know as little as their fathers.

Still a few persons who spend money in the city that should be spent with home merchants.

A few merchants who think that advertising space in their lacal paper is money thrown away and that "everybody knows where they are."

Some Watch.

"That's a fine watch you've got there, Calhoun," said a friend. "Is it a good goer?"

"A good goer?" said Calhoun Clay "Well, you bet your life it's a good goer. Why, it can do an hour in half the time!"—Milwaukee News.

Finesse.

Ardent Suitor—I lay my fortune at your feet.

Fair Lady—Your fortune! I didn't know you had one.

Ardent Suitor—Well, it isn't much of a fortune, but it will look large beside those tiny feet.—Boston Transcript.

All Broken Up.

Mary dropped her eyes on the floor as Henry burst into the room. Her face lengthened rapidly, and she finally pierced him with a glance. As his laugh rose and fell she dropped her jaw and her voice broke.—Judge.

Between Friends.

Belle—How silly men are when they propose! Why, my husband acted like a perfect fool.

Nell—That's what everybody thought when your engagement was announced —London Opinion.

Afraid for Her Mother.

Her father had been reading the parable of the sheep and the goats. She made no comment, but that evening a sound of weeping came from her little bed. Her mother went as consoler.

"Why are you crying, dear?"

"About the goats! I'm so afraid I'm a goat, and I'll never go to heaven. Oh, I'm so afraid I'm a goat!"

"No, dear, you're a sweet little lamb, and if you were to die tonight you would go straight to heaven."

With such reassuring remarks she was finally comforted.

The next night, however, she began to weep again, and again her mother asked the reason.

"I'm afraid about the goats!" she sobbed.

"Didn't mother tell you that you were a little lamb, and you musn't worry about being a goat?"

"Yes, mamma, I know that, but I'm—I'm awful afraid you're a goat!"

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FOR thirty-one years this firm has been selling Reliable Hardware, Wagons, Buggies and Farm Implements to the farmers of this section. As ever, we are now stocked with the best goods in all lines, and our long-established business reputation of square-dealing is sufficient to guarantee satisfaction to present customers.

. . WAGONS . .

Studebaker and Lansing

wagons are sold wherever durability and long service are needed. These wagons stand the test because they are made of the best materials and made right. Don't make the costly experiment of buying an inferior or unknown make—buy these well-known standard wagons.

. . BUGGIES . .

We sell the BEST buggies in the world, all standard makes and especially fitted to Texas roads and climate. We have the very buggy you need and want. Come in and see our stylish buggies, surreys and hacks.

. . WIND MILLS . .

If you want a windmill that will furnish plenty of water as sure as the wind blows, get one of our strong, light-running mills, well-made and of the best of material.

Lillard's prices and terms are always reasonable

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FOR THE CHILDRE

Isn't It Awful?

There is a little maiden
Who has an awful time.
She has to hurry awfully
To get to school at nine.

She has an awful teacher;
Her tasks are awful hard;
Her playmates are all awful rough
When playing in the yard.

She has an awful kitty,
Who often shows her claws;
A dog that jumps upon her dress
With awful muddy paws.

She has a baby sister
With an awful little nose,
With awful cunning dimples
And such awful little toes.

She has two little brothers,
And they are awful boys,
With their awful drums and trumpets,
And make an awful noise.

Do come, I pray thee, common sense!
Come and this maid defend,
Or else, I fear, her awful life
Will have an awful end.
—Toronto Globe.

e, or The Magic Rope.

Take a piece of clothesline six or seven yards long and pass it among your audience for inspection. While it is going its rounds have your hands securely tied with a handkerchief which should be passed around the wrists and knotted on one side.

When the rope is returned to you drop one end between your arms or inside the handkerchief and request some one to take both ends of the rope and pull to make sure your hands are firmly tied. It would now seem impossible to get the rope off unless the hands were untied or the ends released. After two or three rapid motions, however, the rope drops to the floor, while your hands remain tied, as at first.

First, do not have your hands tied so tightly that you cannot move them. This can be arranged by holding them slightly apart while they are being tied. After the rope has been pulled by the holder it is somewhat relaxed, and then, by rubbing it between the wrists, a loop may be formed, into which the second finger may be slipped. The whole hand is now readily thrust through, and only a jerk is necessary to send the rope upon the floor. In performing this trick work as quickly as possible that your movements may not be easily followed.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Simon Says—An Old Game.

The players are seated in a row, semicircular. In front of them sits the leader of the game. He is called Simon. It is his business to give commands to the players, prefacing each order by "Simon says, 'Thumbs down,'" or "Simon says, 'Thumbs up.'" If during the game he neglects to say "Simon says" those who unthoughtfully obey must pay a forfeit. It is Simon's duty to turn his thumbs with each command. "We'll all sing to the king if Simon says thumbs down," turning his thumbs down. All the players turn their thumbs down at the same time. Simon continues in the same way, speaking rapidly so as to catch some one by omitting the "Simon says" before his "thumbs down" or "thumbs up," or it may be just "turn down" or "turn up," but must follow the "Simon says."

When one of the players has been caught turning his thumbs up or down without the "Simon says" he must move out of the line of players and sit with his face to the wall until the game has been finished; then Simon will fix the forfeit the offender must pay.

Elephants Rocked the Boat.

A queer elephant yarn is told by the captain of a trading steamboat in the London Telegram. On one occasion he had on board a cargo of forty elephants. The vessel was anchored in a perfectly smooth sea off the coast of Zanzibar, but to the great surprise of the passengers the steamer began to roll.

At first they supposed the motion to be caused by the ground swell, but when the motion kept increasing there was general alarm, and the captain started an investigation.

Then it was revealed that the elephants had in some way found that by swaying to and fro all together a rocking motion was produced that seemed to please them immensely.

So the great heads and bodies rolled and swung in unison until the steamer, which had no other cargo and rode lightly, was in imminent danger of rolling clean over. The attendants hurried down into their hold and, after a great deal of shouting and thumping, managed to stop the dangerous amusement.

Bird Contest.

"Birds you ought to know" is the name of this game. The leader asks the questions, and the player who answers the greatest number wins.

A jolly outdoor time? A meadow

nt hunters sometimes do? Kti

quaint, old fashioned name? e.

id in decorating? Bunting.

om whom do you buy your meat? her bird.

color Quakers like? Dove.

nsteady light? Flicker.

ial for summer trousers? Duck.

pid fellow? Booby.

y's name? Bobwhite.

hat friends do? Chat.

bird never seen in summer? Snow

amusement for children? Tee

What a dog does when happy? Wag

colored tool? Yellowhammer.

celebrated artist? Whistler.

HUMOROUS QUIPS

When Pa Eats Grapes.

Mother says she wouldn't for the world have others see him.
Sister says it's most improper too.
Father says he doesn't care at all how much we gee him;
He'll do exactly what he wants to do.
Mother says it's really one of father's greatest sins.
Sister's face takes many disapproving forms and shapes
As she watches his "coarse method" of disposing of the skins
When father starts to eat a bunch of grapes.
With his elbows on the table and a plate beneath his chin
And a bunch of purple beauties in his hand
He is deaf to all the comment as the sweet fruit he tucks in,
And he cares not where the empty skins may land.
Aunt Eliza says such table manners really are a fright,
And to hide her grinning face the servant drapes
Her apron up before it every morning, noon and night
When father starts to eat a bunch of grapes.
He can handle green corn nicely, and he's noiseless with his soup,
On celery he peacefully can chew,
But ma says he's like a member of some common circus troupe
Who never has been taught the thing to do
When the Concords are in season then she shudders and she sighs,
From the table very quickly she escapes,
For she doesn't care to linger—as a fact it isn't wise—
When father starts to eat a bunch of grapes.
—Detroit Free Press.

How to Get Rich.

One of the richest men of a certain Indiana county is known as well by his penurious habits as by his bank account. A short time ago he invited an old friend to dine with him. Accepting the invitation, the friend was piloted to one of the cheapest "hotels" in the place, and two dinners were ordered at 25 cents each. A second cup of coffee was ordered by the guest, and when he finished it the pair, after the bill of 55 cents was paid, meandered out on the street. Noticing his host's downcast expression and silence, he asked what had come over him.

"Nothing," said the host.

"But something must be wrong," said his friend.

"Well," said Croesus, "I can't understand how my bill was 55 cents."

"Oh," said the guest, "I had a second cup of coffee, but I'll pay for it!"

He at once took a nickel out of his pocket, and Croesus accepted.—Indianapolis News.

An Eighth Wonder.

The ex-summer girl was talking to the ex-college man.

"And what are you going to do, now that you have completed your education?" she asked.

"Oh, I think I'll live on my income!" he answered airily.

"I am disappointed in you. Live on your income, indeed! Why don't you do some great deed to show the world how clever you are?"

"My dear young woman, if I succeed in living on my income it will be the cleverest deed any man ever accomplished."—New York Sun

Cause.

"Henry," said Mrs. Hornbeak anxiously, "I ain't one of those people who worries very much, but I don't like the idea of our son Arthur becoming one of those bird men."

"Who said he was going to be an aviator?" asked Mr. Hornbeak.

"Well, here's Cousin Bill writing that we'd better put a curb on Arthur; says he's flying awful high for a young feller."—Woman's World.

No Stops.

Vicar—The most wonderful organ I ever saw was the property of a private gentleman. It had nearly a hundred stops.

Sexton—Um! The most remarkable organ I ever heard is my old woman's tongue. It ain't got no stops at all.—Tatler.

No; the Dark Hero.

"Do you care for Esperanto?" he asked the sweet young thing as they were demolishing plates of cream after the opera.

"Which was he?" replied the sweet young thing. "The one with the blond mustache?"—San Francisco Chronicle.

Reasonably Cautious.

She—Did they offer you any choice at the missionary bureau as to where you should be sent?

He—Yes, and I told them I'd prefer to go somewhere where the natives were vegetarians.—Boston Transcript.

Times Have Changed.

Howell—Rowell doesn't speak to his wife.

Powell—And I can remember when he thought it was worth $1 to say a few words to her by long distance telephone.—Judge.

An Understanding Man.

"That man has an idea that he understands women. He's a widower, I believe."

"Nope. If he's got any such idea as that he's a bachelor."—Houston Post.

Improved.

Mrs. Gotham—Don't you think those doughnuts are an improvement on the last ones I made?

Mr. Gotham—Oh, yes, dear; the holes are larger.—Yonkers Statesman.

First Come.

Mrs. Henpeckke—Well, I guess I have just as much chance of getting to heaven as you have.

Mr. Henpeckke—Not if I get there first.—Philadelphia Record.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Hans Holmer Will Go Abroad to Race.

Photo by American Press Association

Hans Holmer, the noted long distance professional runner, is planning another visit to Europe. Hans says he has received several good sized offers from abroad and will accept. The lanky runner will run several more races in and around New York between now and December and then sail for other shores. He will enter in the Powderhall Marathon, to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 1. Holmer captured this event two years ago and believes he can win it again.

Baseball Scout Important.

The scout in baseball has become a most important individual. Nowadays a ball club which cannot boast of a good scout stands little chance to compete with its rivals. The great rivalry which exists between the sixteen major league clubs for playing material makes it decidedly important to have an individual with each club who can recognize a ball player when he sees him in the rough and has the business instinct to get such players at the lowest possible figure. It has been proved time and time again that it is not the club which pays the greatest amount for a player which gets the real stars. Good judgment on the part of the scout who makes the selections counts for much.

Cole Shunted to Minors.

"King" Cole, the pitching leader of the National league in 1910, is booked for the minors, demonstrating the briefness of big league fame. Cole was taken by Pittsburgh, with Solly Hofman, in exchange for Tommy Leach and "Lefty" Leifield, and now Barney Dreyfuss says he was bunked by Charles Murphy. The Michigan barber has been of no use to the Pirates, and Hofman also failed to help to any great extent.

Cameron Latest Negro Heavyweight.

Jim Cameron, a big negro, is the latest pugilist to attract attention on the Pacific coast. Cameron is the biggest man in the boxing game, excepting Carl Morris. He stands six feet four inches in height and tips the beam at 225 pounds. England, too, has a new boxer in Tom Cowler, who stands six feet three inches and weighs 210 pounds.

Army Works Hard For Navy Game.

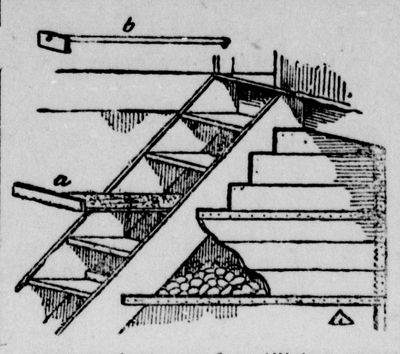
The setbacks the navy has received won't make the army any the less earnest in its preparation for the game with the midshipmen. Football history is full of instances of beaten teams coming strongly at the finish, especially at those gridiron centers where there is as much football prestige as at Annapolis.

Cincinnati Tries Seventeen Pitchers.

Manager O'Day, in an effort to develop a pitching staff for Cincinnati, used seventeen pitchers during the season. Five of the recruits finished with perfect records, they being Gregory, Packard, McGraner, Donalds and Frill. Suggs, with nineteen victories and sixteen defeats, led the regulars.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Handy Storage Closet Built Under Stairs.



A convenient way for utilizing space beneath stairs is shown in the sketch of storage shelves. This space is often wasted unless some such arrangement is made. As shown, a tight cupboard is built beneath the stairs. Inside this cleats are placed on a level with each second step and running from the steps to the back wall of the closet and then across the back, which, if desired, may be arranged as a door to be kept closed until cleaning time. On these cleats are sliding shelves long enough to reach from the rear of the step to the back wall. They are provided with upright fronts. One is shown drawn out at A. The hoe B is used for drawing the vegetables forward and should be long enough when held at arm's length to reach the back of the longest shelf.

Roast Goose.

Prepare the goose the day before it is to be cooked. Steam the bird two hours before roasting and stuff with this mixture: Two cupfuls of soft breadcrumbs, one cupful chopped apple, one small onion minced, salt, pepper and a little sage to taste. Put it into a hot frying pan with two heaping tablespoonfuls of butter and stir until apple and onion are cooked. Do not fill the goose too full. Cover the bird with thin slices of bacon (stick them on with toothpicks), baste frequently, cook until tender and serve with spiced apples.

Cook three and one-half pounds of sugar with a quart of vinegar, a handful of whole cinnamon and cloves until it is thick, then put in some firm apples and let them simmer until they are tender, but do not let them break. Remove from fire, put on a dish with stems up, then add to sirup a cupful of sugar and boil ten minutes. Pour this over apples. When the goose is ready to serve surround with spiced apples and garnish with parsley.

Plum Pudding and Hard Sauce.

One cupful chopped suet, one cupful raisins, one cupful currants, one-half cupful chopped citron, one cupful blanched and chopped almonds, one cupful molasses, one cupful sugar, four eggs, two cupfuls fine bread crumbs, one teaspoonful each cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, allspice, one-half teaspoonful salt, one pint flour with one teaspoonful baking powder sifted with it, one level teaspoonful soda dissolved in a little warm water, add the last thing, flour the fruit with part of the flour, put in pudding molds and steam four hours.

Hard Sauce.—To one-half cupful butter gradually add one cupful powdered sugar, flavor with vanilla or nutmeg.

Sardines a la Lozere.

One can of good French sardines and two good sized onions coarsely chopped. Place in the center of a large, quite deep dish. Pour over the onions the oil from the sardines and a little more olive oil, according to taste; one-third cupful of vinegar, salt and pepper. Then take from four to six hard boiled eggs and cut in halves. Mix thoroughly three of the yolks with the onion mixture. Arrange the remainder of the eggs around the edge of the dish with a sardine on each side.

English Walnut Pie.

Beat the yolks of two eggs and half a cupful of sugar to a cream, add one tablespoonful of lemon juice, the juice and half the grated rind of an orange and one half cupful of chopped English walnuts. Line a deep pie plate with pastry and when half baked add the filling with a meringue made of the whites of two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of chopped nuts. Return to the oven and bake until a rich brown.

Saratoga Jam.

Take [illegible] pounds of cranberries and five pounds of granulated sugar, one pound seedless raisins, chopped fine, four oranges, juice and grated rind. Put all ingredients into a preserving kettle and cook for about forty minutes or until like marmalade. Put into jelly glasses, cover with paraffin when cold. This can be made at winter evenings and is delicious with poultry and meats.

Dressing For Wild Duck.

Put in pan one tablespoonful of butter, one cupful of seedless raisins, one-half cupful of currants, one tablespoonful of tart jelly, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one pint of apples cut fine, cover and let steam for a few minutes, take off stove and when cold add one cupful of breadcrumbs, one egg and mix well. This is excellent for wild duck.

Notice to Teachers

Decatur, Texas, November 25, 1912.

As the Wise County Messenger is the most widely circulated and popular paper published in Decatur, and in view of the fact this publication takes a keen interest in the upbuilding and progress of our schools, I earnestly request you to take advantage of the special subscription rate made to the teachers of this county. All notices pertaining to school matters issued from my office in Decatur will appear in the columns of the Wise County Messenger. Respectfully,

D. J. SIMPSON, County Superintendent.

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NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

Arrive at Decatur

SOUTH BOUND	NORTH BOUND
No. 8—5:40 a.m.	No. 3— 9:43 a. m
No 2—4:28 p.m.	No. 1—11:20 a. m
No. 4—3:17 p.m.	No. 7—11:35 p. m

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.

M. H. Tolbert of Ryan, Okla., is here.

H. F. Boyd spent Sunday and Monday in Joshua.

W. C. Milligan was in Dallas the first of the week.

Go to the Majestic tonight.

John Morris was here from Fort Worth Monday.

W. O. Bailey made a trip to Dallas Wednesday.

Valentine's for fresh oysters.

Mrs. A. R. Nash left Monday to visit relatives in Forney.

Hot drinks at the San la Roy.

Attorney H. E. Lobdell was here from Bridgeport Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Smith of Douglas, Arizona, is visiting relatives here.

Hot drinks of all kinds at the City Bakery.

Mrs. W. J. Logan of Rhome, has returned home after visiting here.

Charley Bingham and Tran Ray were here Monday form Bridgeport.

Fresh bread, cakes and pies at City Bakery.

Wiley Embry and family of Bridgeport, visited relatives here Tuesday.

All kinds of hot drinks at the San la Roy.

The grand jury convened last Monday, and evil-doers have been hunting the tall timbers.

Attorney L. D. Ratliff has opened up a law office in the Thompson land building.

Get free tickets to the Majestic at the San la Roy every Saturday.

Lige Canada has returned from Goodnight and is to have a position with McCarter's grocery.

Don't forget Lillard & Co. have the best gas heaters made.

C. H. Miller and family took Thanksgiving dinner with C. M. Miller of Fort Worth.

Fresh line of chocolates and box candies at the San la Roy.

Lawrence Jones and wife of Bridgeport, were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones last Sunday.

Fresh home-made candy of all kinds at the City Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Baldridge and children of Chico, were here Sunday the guests of relatives and friends.

Short orders of all kinds, fresh oysters at the San la Roy.

The habit grows on those who constantly see the very best moving pictures. Go once, and see if it isn't so.

If you haven't, you had better attend the Green Tag Sale at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

G. W. Goeler and wife of Grandfield, Okla., were this week the guests of the family of Chris Harmon.

Have Lillard & Co to put up your gas heaters before the cold wave.

Dr. Jim Embry and wife of Bowie, spent Tuesday night with Dr. John Embry here, while enroute to El Paso for a stay.

Just received a new line of Felts at Lillard's Mississippi Store. We have cut the price on everything in millinery.

On Tuesday Walter Goodwin plead guilty to theft of a watch from J. P. Turner at Slidell. He was fined $5.00 and costs.

For fresh bread, cakes and pies go to the City Bakery.

Best chiliintown at Valentines.

Rev. Durham announces that there will be regular preaching services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and night.

It is worth your while to stop in to see our line of hand bags. Special Green Tag Prices. Lillard's Mississippi Store.

The Dallas News and Fort Worth Record have local representatives in the Messenger office, who will appreciate news matter for these city papers; phone 45.

Oysters as fine as you can buy at Valentines— two doors west of postoffice.

The Baptist church of Rhome has called as its pastor Rev. W. C. Pledger of Caldwell. The Baptists of Rhome are soon to begin the erection of a new $5000 brick church.

20 days' extension of the Big Green Tag and Mill Remnant Sale at Lillard's Mississippi Store. 20 days more of sensational selling.

Be sure to hear Dr. Lumpkin's course of three lectures on "Strange Sights in Foreign Lands" at court house, Dec. 2, 3 and 4. Benefit of Epworth league. Get a season ticket.

Say, Steve, those hot drinks at the San la Roy are the best yet.

R. L. Thompson and L. D. Ratliff have been selected representatives from the Decatur Masonic lodges to the Masonic Grand Lodge, which convenes in Waco next Tuesday.

On these cool days try those delicious hot drinks at the City Bakery.

If you are hungry, hike to Valentines. Everything good to eat.

County Judge E. M. Allison has appointed Senator C. V. Terrell, Hon. L. D. Ratliff and Dick Collins as delegates to the Texas industrial congress which convenes at Dallas December 12.

WANTED—Turkeys, chickens, butter, eggs and pecans. Highest cash price. W. L. DALLAS.

Steeple jacks, John Watts and Nick Roberts, put the big electric light in place on the courthouse cupola Monday afternoon. The light is of 400-candle power and can be seen at night for more than twenty-five miles.

"How to stretch the dollar" is the problem of today. You can surely stretch your dollar a long way during the Big Green Tag Sale at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

County Superintendent D. J. Simpson says, "As the county examination will be held in Decatur, December 5, 6, 7, I have decided to call in the date of Saturday, 7th, for a local teachers' institute. Will set another date for institute work.

Cut your gas bill by buying gas heaters from Lillard & Co.

Rev. S. W. Hutton of Fort Worth, will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. Subject at 11 o'clock, "Ye Are the Body of Christ," subject at evening service, "The two Foundations." Every one cordially invited.

Ladies, now is the time to purchase your hat, while prices are the lowest. The Green Tag Sale is now going on. Lillard's Mississippi Store.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a dinner on next Monday over Dallas' grocery for the benefit of Bucker Orphan's Home. The ladies are very anxious to secure a good-sized fund for the orphans on that day. Patronize the dinner.

Fresh shipment of Lowney's and King's fine chocolates at the City Bakery.

When the committee having in charge the collecting of the delinquent assessments of the Decatur Methodist church met last Saturday, there was "something doing" all along the line, and before the list was read from the pulpit Sunday morning there was a happy readjustment in the list. Splendid idea, gentlemen of the board.

Don't forget to have your gas heaters put up before the rush—see Lillard & Co.

The girls of the K. K. K. Klub met at the home of Lucille Williams Saturday afternon, November 23. After the usual study of etiquette the girls spent the rest of the afternoon making candy. They adjourued to meet the following Saturday at the home of Ruby Van Cleave.

Get your free tickets to the Saturday moving picture show at the City Bakery.

Rev. A. R. Nash of Decatur station, and Rev. J. L. Sullivan of Decatur circuit, left this week to attend the North Texas Methodist conference, which convened at Dallas Wednesday morning. These good men have both accomplished much good work while serving their churches here, and Messenger hopes to see the bishop return both of them for another year.

The San la Roy Cafe is the popular eating place. Short orders and oysters any style. Call and try the excellent service.

Jim Malone celebrated his 50th birthday last Friday by giving a big dinner to a number of his friends. Jim says he never would realize that he had reached the half century mark if his friends would not remind him of the fact that he is growing old. Messenger wishes him fifty more returns of the day and may he grow younger as the years come.

Lillard & Co. sell the old reliable Garland, Reznor and Direct Action heaters—best on earth.

The stock of the Wise County Oil and Gas Co., is selling fast these days. Every mail brings in orders for stock from outside people, and the home people are also buying. This is an enterprise which we believe will prove a success. There is abundant evidence that we have oil and gas in abundance in Wise county, but we will never know until we put down a test well. As a matter of pubiic enterprise our people should take hold of the proposition and help to develop our resources.

Call on us to show you our new line of laces. Green Tag price on everything. Lillard's Mississippi Store.

County Attorney Shults took the oath of office last week, and Monday morning took up his work with the grandjury. Mr. Ratliff, the retiring county attorney, has moved his office to the Decatur Land, Loan & Abstract Co. building, west of the Messenger office. Ratliff has made Wise county a good, efficient prosecutor, and here's hoping Mr. Shults will fill the position splendidly. French Spencer was named as assistant county attorney.

We will be glad to show you our line of dress goods in all the newest weaves. Special low prices during the Green Tag Sale. Lillard's Mississippi Store.

Messenger office was given a short visit Saturday afternoon by several members of the K. K. K. club. This is an organization of young ladies of the young set, and to say a more beautiful lot could not be found in the wide state would be mildly stating the fact. This interesting order was recently organized and the girls say the club work is progressing nicely. Misses Lucile Williams, Ruby Vancleave, Mildred Lynch, Grace Bunnell, Burch Mann and Lottie Taylor composed the party giving the Messenger sanctum a call.

You have heard the old adage of the goose and the golden egg, and when the old man killed her to get all the eggs, that was nonsense, but the man who investigates the wearing points of a set of harness to see that they meet the requirements of a first-class piece of work. That is just pure harness sense. Have you invesitigated the high grade harness we are making? We invite you to do so. All work guaranteed. Repairing while you wait. LILLARD & CO.

The city is losing a vast amount of water by allowing the leak to remain in the pipe on the street running north of Alderman Jones' residence in South Decatur, and in our opinion it would be a money saving proposition to the water plant if this leak was stopped. We are not complaining at the serious damage it is doing the street and the inconvenience it is causing the neighbors in that part of town; we made this plea sometime ago over and over again, and finding that such claims fall on deaf ears, we now say that the city is losing money by allowing the water to waste. Gentlemen, the people living in that part of the town don't mind the water flowing into the street and making big holes, but they would like to see the matter adjusted so the city would not lose any money.

To be sure, there are men in this town claiming allegiance to the Methodist church, who hold to the idea that the time is not ripe for a new church strurcture, and that the membership is not in condition to properly finance the undertaking, and that the present building is "good enough." This Messenger representative has heard these "arguments" time and again, and, no doubt, many of the Messenger readers here in Decatur have heard the same. And, say, did you notice that the fellows who are standing about corners making these claims are the ones who are financially able to give substantial assistance to the project. They are the fellows who have reaped good harvests of the world's goods and are sailing along in the church upon a cheap scale. They are opposed to giving up anything; they see no reason or cause for a new church building, certainly not. Well, close listed members to the contrary notwithstanding, the new church will be built. The poor, with us always, will rally to the call and an edifice in keeping with the cause will rise above the bickerings and groans of the stingy well-to-do Methodists of this town. An equal distribution of the expense is talked, but the tightwad is against any such proposition Verily, the church bell seems to be the only call to service some of the members ever hear.

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R. L. Stringer of Tulia, was here this week the guest of his sister, Mrs. Dr. Petty.

Prices cut from one-fourth to one-half the regular price during the Big Green Tag and Mill Remnant Sale at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

Drs. Petty and Reeves went to Alvord Tuesday to visit Dr. Payne, who is critically ill.

Marion Muncy was here Wednesfrom Slidell. He reports Slidell trade last Saturday a grand success, and there was a big crowd in town. Marion says wheat is needing rain pretty badly.

Good entertainment at court house next Monday, Tuesday and Wednes day nights. Prices reasonable.

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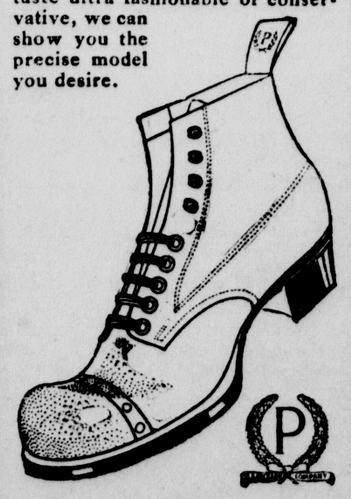
You will be lucky. The newest styles, best materials and finest workmanship make them the best value in men's footwear to be found in the wide world. Be your taste ultra fashionable or conservative, we can show you the precise model you desire.



Red Store

Mr. Ratliff Retires

I wish to say to the people of Wise county that after serving you to the best of my ability in the county attorney's office for the past four years, that I thank you for the loyal support you have given me in my efforts to enforce the law. I now retire from this office and I desire to state that I do so with malice toward none, charity toward all, and shall try to make a good citizen and assist those who succeed me in official life in the discharge of their duties. I have resumed the practice of my profession and will maintain offices in Thompson's land office building, three doors west of postoffice.

Yours Respectfully.
L. D. RATLIFF.

Suggestive Program for Common School District

8:45 to 9:00 a. m. opening exercises.
9:00 to 9:45 sixth and seventh grade arithmetic.
9:10 to 9:30 first grade work.
9:45 to 10:15 fourth and fifth grade arithmetic.
9:50 to 10:00 second and third grade spelling.
10:15 to 10:30 third grade arithmetic.
10:30 to 10:45 recess.
10:45 to 10:55 first and second grade number work.
10:55 to 11:10 third grade readers.
11:10 to 11:25 fourth grade readers.
11:25 to 11:35 second grade reaners.
11:35 to 11:45 first grade work.
11:45 to 12:00 history.
12:00 to 1:00 p. m. noon.
1:00 to 1:30 sixth and seventh grade grammars.
1:15 to 1:25 first grade work.
1:30 to 1:50 fourth and fifth grade language.
1:50 to 2:00 second grade readersr
2:00 to 2:10 third grade readers.
2:10 to 2:30 agriculture.
2:30 to 2:45 recess.
2:45 to 3:00 sixth grade geography.
3:00 to 3:15 fourth grade geography.
3:15 to 3:30 first grade work.
3:30 to 3:40 second grade work.
3:40 to 3:50 combined spelling.
3:50 to 4:00 physiology.

The above program is for intermediate schools of seven grades. The law does not authorize teachers in such schools to give instructions in grades above the seventh.

D. J. SIMPSON,
County Superintendent.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents per line per week

LOST—Ladies' diamond ring; 5-8 karat set; between residence of Mrs. H. H. Fields and the oil mill. Reward for return to this office.

FOR SALE—My home place, first house north of Christian church. J. R. FLOWERREE. (11-22)

WOOD, green or dry at 25 per load; heater or cook wood at $1.2[illegible] per load. See me, or Mr. Wofford at my farm. C. C. BELL. (8-9)

FOR SALE—Farm 5 miles south of Decatur; 187 1-2 acres in cultivation, good wells, wind mill, houses, splendid improvements. LUTHER BELEW, Decatur.

STORE HOUSE TO RENT—At Allison in Osce Goodwin's Denton Creek Subdivision. This is one of the choicest locations for a country store in the county. For particulars see FOUNTRAY, Decatur, Texas.

80 ACRES of good sandy land; 60 in cultivation, balance woodland: three-room house with good well and barn; $16.00 per acre, $320 cash, balance to suit. C. C. BELL. (8-9)

WANTED—Good renter on farm near Halsell, Texas. Liberal terms offered to worthy man with good reommendations. Apply to W. L. DALLAS, Decatur, or H. H. HALSELL, Fort Worth, Texas. (11-22)

FOR SALE—Nice property in South Decatur. Will trade for farm. TOM DUNN.

NOTICE—All those missing th[illegible] dishes from the cemetery society [illegible] ner, October 9, will find the[illegible] room over Dallas' grocery.

STOCK FARM—Of 200 acres six miles north of Decatur. S[illegible] CRABTREE at Peninger's.

MONEY TO LOAN—on your [illegible] at low rate of interest. Lon[illegible] easy payments. Best of trea[illegible] Apply now. J. W. BAILEY, [illegible]tur, Texas.

Notice,

All persons are warned not [illegible] ognize any bills, accounts, et[illegible] pay no contracts to anyone con[illegible] with the Decatur Cottonseed O[illegible] unless same is duly signed by th[illegible] management.

Decatur High defeated Wac[illegible] by the score of 36 to 13 Wednes

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mann Celebrate Anniversary

Balsora, Texas, Nov. 25, 1912.—To the Messenger: On last Saturdoy Mr. and Mrs. George Mann celebrated the thirtieth anniversay of their marriage. This was a great day for these two good old people, a day much enjoyed by themselves and their friends. They received many [illegible] and valuable presents. It happened that when the presents were counted there were just thirty, which represented a present for each year they had been married. Mr. Mann was born in Wise county fifty-five years ago, and has spent his entire life in this county, and grand old Texas boasts of no better citizen than "Little George," a name which his friends have so aptly given him. Mrs. Mann was born in Mississippi 1860; came to Texas with her parents in an early day and has spent the greater part of her life in Wise county. She, coming from that grand old state where southern hospitality is so well understood, and "Little George" of Texas, where charity abounds, their union created a home where the rich and the poor alike are always welcome, and the orphan finds a place to stay. Yes, this China wedding was a happy event, for it called together old time friends to talk of the days gone by. And too, it brought a reunion of the family. Their son Albert of Oklahoma, was there with his young wife to visit the old home and to hear the rehearsal of the ceremonies of thirty years ago; another son, Will, banker of Jacksboro, came with his newly married wife that his infare might coincide with the thirty year dinner; the oldest daughter and her husband, Mr. [illegible]eden of Corsicana, were there to share the pleasures, and the daughter, Mrs. Phillips and her hunband were with the happy crowd. The other children are with the parents and were all there to make the home comers glad. There have been ten children born to this good home, of which two are dead; four boys and four girls now living and all bid fair to be useful citizens, and of which the father and mother feel justly proud.

The dinner was a good one. It would take too much space to attempt to speak of all the good things on the table, but to say the least, it was all that heart could wish. When dinner was announced Mr. and Mrs. Mann took their places as they did thirty years before; Uncle Brice Woody the most honored guest of all, was seated near the head of the table, Bro. Henry Muse asked the blessing, and then came the rattle of dishes. The guests talked of old times and also of the new, and all ate to their fill. At 2 o'clock the friends began leaving for their homes, all wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Mann a happy golden wedding.

D. J. SIMPSON.

Why It Succeeds

Because It's for One Thing Only, and Decatur People Appreciate This

Nothing can be good for everything.
Doing one thing will bring success.
Doan's Kidney Pills do one thing only.
They help sick kidneys.
They relieve backache, kidney and bladder trouble.
Here is Decatur evidence to prove it.

R. T. Tilghman, carpenter, Decatur, Texas, says: "For several years I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and have always found them beneficial. I had to get up five or six times at night as my kidneys were very weak. As Doan' Kidney Pills had been used in the family with good results, I got some and began using them as directed. In a short time I felt better and after using two boxes I had no more pain. I highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone suffering as I do."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

An Optimist.

Mrs. Knowsitt—My husband is an out and out optimist.

Little Ethel—What is an optimist mamma?

Mrs. Knowsitt—A person who doesn't [illegible] what happens so long as it don't happen to him.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

His Orders.

Slink (the wholesaler)—Well, how many orders did you get yesterday?

Slink (the salesman)—I got two orders in one store.

Slink—What were they?

Slink—One was to get out, and the other one was to stay out.—Cleveland Leader.

A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short, dry cough, indicates an inflammed condition the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size Ballard's Horehound Syrup; you get with each bottle a free Herricks Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest. The syrup relaxes the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by Man & Simmons.

MORE NEW GOODS For The Red Store

Our buyers, for the second time this season, have just visited the Eastern markets, making purchases of all kinds of merchandise to replenish our already most complete and best assorted stock of dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc. in Wise county. We found the wholesalers very anxious to make special prices on goods for cash, and buying for

OUR TWENTY-FOUR ASSOCIATED STORES

We are enabled to sell you your dry goods in many instances at what other stores have to pay for their goods. Each freight and express for the past ten days has brought us great quantities of these purchases and we defy all competition with our present prices

Don't buy a dollar's worth of goods anywhere until you have seen our goods. We Save You Money on Every Purchase!

Ladies' Tailored Coat Suits Reduced

Our business on ladies' ready-to-wear garments this season has been the greatest in the history of the business. This we can only attribute to the excellent styles which we show and the reasonableness of our prices.

Commencing next Saturday we will place on sale every suit in the house at greatly reduced prices to effect a clearance sale. Every suit is this season's newest styles—not an old suit in the lot. This is a great opportunity for you to save from $5.00 to $12.50 on your coat suit.

Your choice of any $10.00 coat suit in the house only **$6.95**
All $12.50 suits now only **$8.95**
Choice of all $15.00 suits only **$9.85**
All $17.50 and $19.50 suits choice **$13.85**
$22.50, $25.00 and $29.50 suits all in one lot, marked choice **$16.85**

Don't fail to be here early Saturday and make your selection.

Dry Goods Cheap

Extra heavy cotton checks in pretty bright plaids at only ..... 5cts.
Good heavy weight apron checks at only ..... 5c.
Heavy yard wide bleach domestic only 8 1-3c
10-4 pepperell bleach sheeting only 25c
Best Standard Meritas oil cloth 15c
American and Columbia calicoes only 5c
Extra heavy light and dark style outings only 10c yd
Heavy fleeced flanelettes in dress styles only .. 10c yd
Extra heavy long nap brown canton flannel, the kind you pay 15c for elsewhere, our price 10c

Your Thanksgiving Table Linens

We were never in better position to fill your needs.
An all pure linen 64 inch damask at only 50c
Beautiful 64 inch mercerized damask at only 50c
72 inch all pure linen damask in several beautiful designs including plain linen at only $1.00
18 inch ready himmed mercerized napkin per set of six, only 50c
22 inch ready hemmed mercerized napkin at only per set of six 75c
Linen napkins in the bolt at front 75c to $2.50 doz
See our Thanksgiving window display of linens.

We will save you money on every dollar's worth of your fall bill

Ladies' Coats at Reduced Prices

Our cloak business has been phenominal, and beginning Saturday we are going to put out the following special numbers that should bring forth many eager buyers.

Your choice of all our $12.50 fancy mixture coats at only **$9.85**
You can buy our $15.00 fancy mixture coats at only **$12.95**
Two only beautiful coats that were $17.50, now only **$14.85**
Several beautiful coats that were $19.50, choice now only **$16.85**
Ladies' black Caracul coats, all sizes, only **$6.50**
One special lot ladies' black broadcloth coats, worth $5.00 & $6.50, choice **$3.95**

Novelties in Bags, Combs, Etc.

We have been receiving during the past week all the newest novelties in ladies hand bags, combs, neckwear, bows, belts, etc' Don't fail to look over the novelties. They are most reasonably priced.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear Specials

Misses' good weight union suits in all sizes 25c
Misses' heavy union suits like you pay 50c for elsewhere, our price 35c
Misses' extra heavy cream and bleached union suits for only 50c
Boys' extra heavy flat fleeced union suits in all sizes for only 50c
Ladies' heavy bleached fleece-lined shirts and and drawers 50c
Ladies' heavy bleached union suit like you pay $1.00 for elsewhere our price 75c

Notions at Cheap Prices

Good pins roll 1c
Good safety pins, two papers 5c
Best brass pins, paper 5c
Good lead pencils each 1c
Bottle machine oil 5c
Biggest school tablet in town 5c
Best brass safety pins paper 5c
Box talcum 5c
Carpet tacks box 1c
Envelopes package 5c
Good toilet soap cake 5c
All kinds shoe polish 10c
Mennen's, Coalgate's and Williams' talcum 15c
4711 glycerine soap 15c

Blankents at Wholesale Prices

A purchase of 15,000 pairs of blankets for our different stores enables us to offer you blankets at about what other stores have to pay.

Heavy 64x76 blankets in gray, tan and white, worth $1.50, our price **$1.00**
Extra large and heavy blanket, 72x84 inches, worth $2.00, our price **$1.50**
Large heavy cotton blankets in the woolnapgrade, regular $2,50, all colors only **$1.95**
Best quality woolnap blankets large size in gray, tan and white, others ask $3.50, our price **$2.50**
Best quality all-wool blankets in white and tan at only **$5.00**
Baby blankets at only ..... **75cts.**

Mens' Underwear

Men's heavy fleece lined shirts and drawers regular 50c kind; our price **37 1/2**
Mens' heavy ribbed shirts and drawers for only **50c**
Medium weight union suits in ecru at $1.00 and **$1.50**
Mens' heavy all wool tan shirts and drawers, an excellent garment for each **$1.00**

Mens' Shoes at a Saving in Price

Every pair of shoes that we sell we guarantee to be absolutely solid leather throughout and to give perfect satisfaction.

Mens' heavy black muleskin shoe at only **$1.50**
Best heavyweight tan chrome work shoe at only **$2.50**
Mens' tan calf dress shoe in both button and lace, worth $3. Our price **$2.50**

On all the better shoes in both the dress and work grades we save you from 50c to $1.00

Patronize our Tailoring Dept. and Save Money

Suits pressed 25c
Suits cleaned and pressed 75c
Pants cleaned and pressed 35c
Ladies' skirts cleaned and pressed 50c
All other work in proportion. Work guaranteed or money back.

All suits purchased from us will be kept pressed free of charge at all times.

We show the newest things at all times, and we invite you to come and see us before you buy, for we save you mo

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Twenty-Four Associated Stores in Texas a

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLES

Crown Prince Constantine. Chief of the Greek Army.

The remarkable successes of the Greeks against the forces of Turkey may be in part explained by the military skill of their leader, Crown Prince Constantine; also must be taken into account their inborn hatred of the Turk and the remembrance of past cruelties. Like their Balkan allies, the hope of driving the Turk across the Bosporus and forever ridding Europe of the Mohammedans as a political factor has animated them in their advance against the forces of the sultan.

Crown Prince Constantine, duke of Sparta, received his military training in Germany and is an accomplished soldier. A few years ago he was deprived of his command of the Grecian army by the machinations of a military junta which disliked his ideas of discipline. Constantine had arranged to enter the service of the Russian czar when the national legislature at Athens restored him to power.

He resumed his place at the head of the army with increased prestige and influence and has reawakened in the Hellenes that heroism that enabled them to win their independence from the Turks nearly a century ago. The [illegible] prince is married to Princess Sophia of Prussia, sister of the kaiser, whom she offended years ago by becoming a convert to the Greek national church. Constantine's mother is a daughter of Grand Duke Constantine of Russia. He is fifty-four years old.

Mrs. Cleveland to Wed.

Frances Folsom Cleveland, widow of Grover Cleveland, twice president of the United States, who is to wed Thomas J. Preston, professor of archaeology and the history of arts at Wells college, is forty-eight years old. It is twenty-six years since she went to Washington to become the "White House bride," the only wife of a president to be married in the official mansion and the youngest woman who ever stepped into the post of first lady of the land.

After his retirement from the presidency Mr. Cleveland made his permanent home in Princeton, and Mrs. Cleveland has continued to reside there since the former president died in 1908.

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MRS. FRANCES F. CLEVELAND

Her two daughters Esther and Marion, and her son Richard F., are living with her there.

Professor Preston is fifty years of [illegible] and is a graduate of Princeton [illegible]. He began his studies at [illegible] university, but ill health [illegible] up a college career [illegible] out into business [illegible]. Then, al[illegible] up busi[illegible] life [illegible] you [illegible]

Free

Scotch WOOLEN MILLS

RED STORE

The [illegible] no picture [illegible]

THE EARTH CRUST

Its Density, Its Thickness and the Pressure It Exerts.

A BAR TO WORLD EXPLOSION.

The Reasons Why This Old Planet of Ours, With All Its Pentup Fiery, Volcanic or Gaseous Forces at Work, Could Never Be Blown to Fragments.

Some writers have accounted for the asteroids on the theory that they are the fragments of a world that from some unknown cause has been exploded in its orbit. Similarly, many have thought that perhaps at some distant time, when the seas shall have been drunk up into the cracked and thickened crust of the age shrunken earth and the volcanoes—those vents of the fiery interior—shall have become choked and extinct, the pentup gases generated from the descending moisture by the still great internal heat may actually explode the old earth like a veritable bombshell.

But that can never happen.

In 1883 Krakatoa, a sleepy old volcano on a small island in the strait of Sunda, between Java and Sumatra, began to show marked signs of uneasiness. Round the volcano the quaking earth opened enormous fissures in the bottom of the sea, down which rushed Niagaras of water. Then the fissures closed and confined the engulfed flood in the hot subterranean depths. The water was quickly converted into steam, the steam into dissociated gases, without room for expansion. It exerted a pressure equal to that of the strongest dynamte.

The great chimney of Krakatoa, sealed since the memory of man barred the normal path of escape. Higher and higher mounted the pressure under the huge mass of the volcano; then, of a sudden, came a blast that actually shook the earth. Never before in historic time had there been such a shock. The whole top of the old mountain was blown into the sky. The recoil was distinctly felt clear through the terrestrial ball.

This great cataclysm has been cited as an indication of the power of the pentup forces that may some day disrupt the earth itself. Let us examine the underlying principles that must guide us in passing judgment on the correctness of this theory.

An explosive compound is a combustible combined mechanically or chemically either with oxygen or with an oxidizing substance that will burn without the help of atmospheric oxygen.

Among the most powerful high explosives are nitrogelatin and picric acid, each of which has a density more than one and a half times that of water. The products of their combustion are nearly all gaseous, whereas the products of the combustion of ordinary black gunpowder are less than half gaseous. The larger part is the solid matter that makes the smoke.

The energy that a high explosive can exert depends on the volume of the gases liberated and the temperature to which the heat of the explosion can raise them.

The exact temperature of the gases liberated by a high explosive at the instant of detonation is not absolutely known, but may be approximately learned through chemical experiment. Nor is the amount of pressure known with absolute certainty. It is probable, however, that nitroglycerin, nitrogelatin and picric acid, when detonated in a confined space, exert a pressure somewhere between 300,000 and 500,000 pounds to the square inch.

If we assume that the earth crust has a density five times that of water and that its average thickness is fifty miles, then it follows that it exerts a pressure of more than 500,000 pounds to the square inch; if the crust is a hundred miles thick, then the pressure is more than a million pounds to the square inch—a pressure certainly greater than the expansive force exerted by the most powerful high explosive. Plainly, no quantity of high explosive detonated under the crust of the earth would be able to lift it, and consequently we know that no world of the size of the earth can ever explode from its own pentup internal forces.

If, then, no high explosive force is sufficient to blow up a world the size of the earth, how can worlds explode? There is only one way in which the heavenly bodies can become possessed of sufficient energy actually to blow up, and that is by collision.

The stars are flying about in space with velocities that range all the way from five miles a second to 500 miles a second.

If two celestial orbs, traveling each at a velocity of 200 miles a second, met in a head-on collision they would be fused and gasified by the impact, and the heat generated would be sufficient to break up the matter of both into its ultimate elements and to expand it into nebulous haze. This is the way in which science says that new suns, new nebulae and new stars are born.—Hudson Maxim in Youth's Companion.

Sorry He Spoke.

He—I'd like to know what enjoyment you can find in going from store to store looking at things you haven't the least idea of buying. She—I know I can't buy them, but there is a sort of melancholy pleasure in thinking that I could have bought them if I had married George Scads when I had the [illegible] instead of taking you.

He—[illegible]tion is the only paradise from [illegible] cannot be turned out.—

Come to Decatur Saturday

Farmers and their families are cordially invited to come to Decatur to sell their products and do their trading. A free entertainment has been arranged for your pleasure on each Saturday afternoon in the way of a free moving picture show at the Majestic.

The free tickets are distributed by the following business houses, and the show will be given every Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 5 o'clock. New pictures every Saturday. Don't fail to see them.

Following are the firms which will give away the Majestic free tickets to all out-of-town Saturday customers:

Wise County Messenger.
Bellah & Sons Co.
The Nickel Store.
Helm, Ward & Dillehay.
Decatur Cash Grocery.
Hugh Greer's Store for Men & Boys
The San la Roy Cafe.
The City Bakery.
Ford & Thomason.
The Red Store.
The Mississippi Store.
Lillard & Co.
Belew & Evans, barbers.
Foster's Wagon Yard.
Chas. Myers, barber.
First National Bank.
Shoemaker, Hopson, Phillips, barbers.
City National Bank.
Saunders & McDaniel, grocery.
Valentine's Restaurant.
Decatur News.
C. B. Gunn.
Dickson & Shaw, millinery
W. A. Bunnell.
Carl Faith's Racket Store.
Silas Morris' blacksmith shop.
W. L. Dallas Grocery.
Owens and Bowden Barber Shop.
Everett Rhodes Shoe Shop.
Smith & Collins Grocery.

HAWAII'S VOLCANIC INFERNO.

A Peep Into Kilauea's Lake of Brimstone and Fire.

Kilauea, in Hawaii, is a round, extinct crater about three miles across and 700 or 800 feet deep. It has been the scene of terrific explosions in past ages, but it has now dwindled to the small active crater of Halemaumau, which is sunk near the middle of it like a huge pot, 200 or more feet deep and 1,000 feet across.

In the midafternoon a party of eight of ten of us on horseback set out to visit the volcano. The trail led down the broken and shelving side of the crater, amid trees and bushes, till it struck the floor of lava at the bottom. Our course took us out over the cracked and contorted lava beds, where no green thing was growing. The forms of the lava flow suggested mailed and writhing dragons, with horrid, gaping mouths and vicious claws. The lava crunched beneath the horses' feet like shelly and brittle ice. At one point we passed over a wide, jagged crack on a bridge. As we neared the crater the rocks grew warm and sulphur and other fumes streaked the air.

When half a mile from the crater we dismounted and, leaving our horses in charge of the guide, proceeded on foot over the cracked and heated lava rocks toward the brink of this veritable devil's caldrom. The sulphur fumes are so suffocating that it can be approached only on the windward side. The first glance into that fearful pit is all that your imagination can picture it. You look upon the traditional lake of brimstone and fire, and if devils were to appear skipping about over the surface with pitchforks, turning their victims as the cook turns her frying crullers in the sputtering fat, it would not much surprise you. This liquid is rather thick and viscid, but it is boiling furiously. Great masses of it are thrown up forty or fifty feet and fall with a crash like that of the surf upon the shore.

The mass of boiling lava is said to be about one and one half acres in extent. Its surface is covered with large masses of floating crust, black and smooth, like leather or roofing paper, and between these masses, or islands, the molten lava shows in broad, vivid lines. It is never quiet.

Looking upon this scene with the thought of the traditional lake of fire and brimstone of our forefathers in mind, you would say that these black, filthy looking masses floating about on the surface were the accumulation of all the bad stuff that had been fried out of the poor sinners since hell was invented. How much wickedness and uncharity and evil thought it would represent! If the poor victims were clarified and made purer by the process, then it would seem worth while.—John Burroughs in Century.

Helping the Books.

Persons about to install new libraries or those who find their books in bad condition will be glad of the advice offered on this subject by a writer in Les Annales (Paris). Glass cases should always be avoided except for a few precious volumes which are specially looked after and frequently dusted since the confined atmosphere and lack of air circulation in such book cases are favorable to the development of germs, insects and mold. "Secondly," adds the Scientific American, "the simple precaution should be taken of placing on the shelves behind the books strips of cloth or flannel moistened with benzine, phenol, tobacco juice or turpentine. These strips give excellent results if renewed from time to time."

ALL WOMEN

Who suffer with the ailments of their sex are in need of the great strengthening, cleansing and regulating properties of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It puts the liver, stomach and bowels in fine healthy condition, builds up the nervous system, strengthens the body, clears the complexion and changes a poor, tired, discouraged woman into one of sparkling good health and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists. Price $1.00 per bottle.

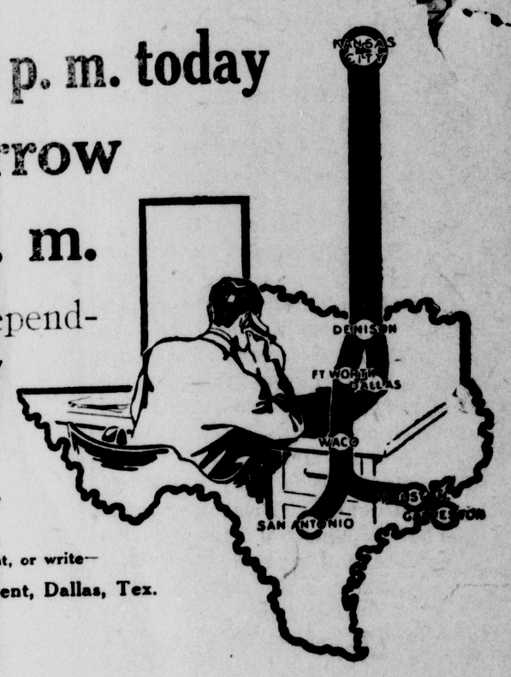
FOR SALE BY C. B. GUNN

In Ft. Worth up to 3:30 p. m. today
Kansas City tomorrow morning at 7:30 a. m.

This is only possible on the dependable train—the Kansas City *Special*

The next time—you owe it to yourself to travel via

The Katy to Kansas City



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For particulars see nearest ticket agent, or write—
W. G. CRUSH, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Tex.

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Doctor (to patient)—Your heart is rather irregular. Have you anything that is worrying you?

Patient—Oh, not particularly, only that just now, when you put your hand in your pocket, I thought you were going to give me your bill.

ECZEMA CAN BE CURED!

I Will Prove It To You At My Expense.

YOU WHO ARE SUFFERING THE TORTURES OF ECZEMA, WHOSE DAYS ARE MISERABLE, WHOSE NIGHTS ARE MADE SLEEPLESS BY THE TERRIBLE ITCHING, BURNING PAINS, I ASK YOU—URGE YOU TO LET ME SEND YOU A TREATMENT WHICH HAS CURED HUNDREDS OF OTHERS, WHICH I BELIEVE WILL CURE YOU. I WILL SEND IT FREE, POSTAGE PAID TO YOUR DOOR, WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART NOW OR HEREAFTER.

J. C. HUTZELL.

A New Discovery Tried and Proven in Hundreds of Cases.

I believe that I have discovered the only sensible, scientific treatment for Eczema, Salt Rheum, Itch, Acne, Psoriasis, Barber's Itch and Poison Oak ever offered to sufferers from these diseases.

It is a combination treatment easy to use in your own home or at your work. It is designed not only to relieve the suffering, which it does almost immediately, but to effect a complete and lasting cure by driving out of the blood the poisonous acids which cause all skin diseases. So sure am I that my treatment will convince you that at last you have found a cure that I am willing to send a large proof treatment absolutely free of charge or obligation to any sufferer who will send their name and address on the coupon below. If you are satisfied, I know you will tell others.

Don't Send Money.

I have decided to spend five thousand dollars in introducing this treatment to sufferers from skin diseases and I will do it. I have agreed to send every reader of this announcement a liberal proof treatment free and I WILL DO IT. Just fill out the coupon below or send me your name and address on a postal card. I will send the treatment without a penny of cost to you.

— — — — CUT AND MAIL TODAY — — — —

J. C. HUTZELL,
112 West Main St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Please send without cost or obligation to me your Free Proof Treatment.

Name .....

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State .....

Street and No. .....

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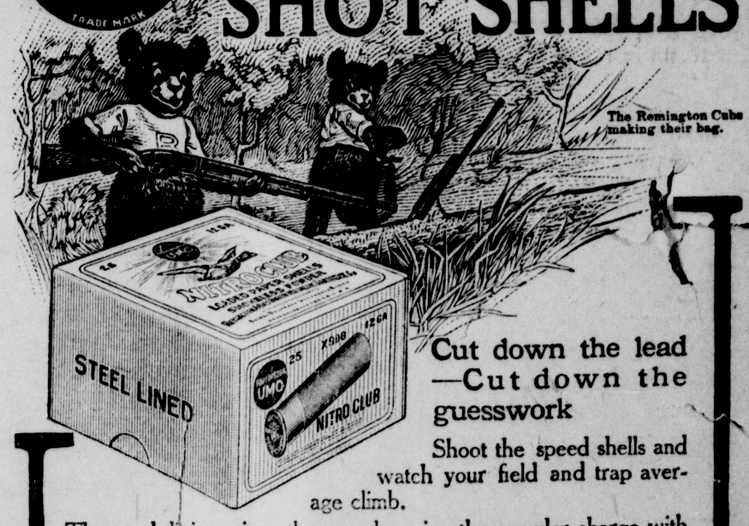
NITRO CLUB Steel Lined SHOT SHELLS



Cut down the lead —Cut down the guesswork

Shoot the speed shells and watch your field and trap average climb.

The steel lining gives the speed—grips the powder charge with just that compression needed to put all the drive of the explosion behind your load.

And with Expert Factory Loading, you're sure of the same speed—a uniform spread of pattern in each and every shell.

Shoot Arrow and Nitro Club steel lined Expert Factory Loaded Shells for speed plus pattern in any make of shotgun.

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